

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 7, 2005, has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections and Re-Numbering of Same

The newly added claims have been renumbered as Claims 84 – 97 in conformance with 37 CFR 1.126.

Subject Matter Indicated Allowed or Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claim 84 – 93.

Applicants are further grateful for the indication of allowability of claims 95 – 97, subject to their re-writing in independent form. Claims 95 – 97 have been rewritten in independent form to each include the limitations of independent claim 94.

Canceled/Rejected Claims

Claim 94 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Decker (U.S. pat. no. 4,980,897) is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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